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COMMITTEE ACTION

The Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology of the Committee on Homeland Security met, pursuant to notice, in open markup session, a quorum being present, on Wednesday, March 15, 2006, in 311 Cannon House Office Building to consider H.R. 4941, to reform the science and technology programs and activities of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4942, to establish a capability and office to promote cooperation between entities of the United States and its allies in the global war on terrorism for the purpose of engaging in cooperative endeavors focused on the research, development, and commercialization of high-priority technologies intended to detect, prevent, respond to, recover from, and mitigate against acts of terrorism and other high consequence events and to address the homeland security needs of Federal, State, and local governments. The Subcommittee took the following actions:

H.R. 4941, to reform the science and technology programs and activities of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; was favorably forwarded to the Full Committee for consideration, amended, by voice vote.

The following amendments were offered:

An amendment offered by Mrs. Lowey (#1) to H.R. 4941; at the end of the bill, insert a new section entitled "National Strategy for Interoperable Communications."; was Withdrawn by unanimous consent.

An amendment offered by Mr. Thompson (#2) to H.R. 4941; at the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following new section entitled "Special Needs and Disabilities Research Center."; was Withdrawn by unanimous consent.

An amendment offered by Ms. Norton (#3) to H.R. 4941; at the end of the bill, insert a new section entitled "Rail Security Research and Development."; was Not Agreed, as amended, by a recorded vote of 5 yeas and 7 nays (Roll Call Vote No. 1).

A unanimous consent request by Ms. Norton to amend her amendment (#4) to H.R. 4941 on Page 1, line 10, to strike "and" and insert "rail,."; Page 1, Line 11 to insert after "rail" " , and rail transit"; was not objected to.

An amendment offered by Ms. Sanchez (#4) to H.R. 4941, in the proposed section 316 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 101 et seq.), as added by section 7 of the bill, add the following new section entitled “Authorization of Appropriations.”; was Agreed to, amended, by voice vote.

A amendment offered by Mr. McCaul (#4A) to the amendment offered by Ms. Sanchez (#4) to H.R. 4941, on Page 1, line 3, strike “\$50,000,000” and insert “such sums as may be necessary”; was Agreed to by a recorded vote of 7 yeas and 5 nays (Roll Call Vote No. 2).

An amendment offered by Ms. Sanchez (#5) to H.R. 4941; at the end of the bill, add the following new section entitled “Homeland Security Advanced Research Projects Agency Report.”; was Withdrawn by unanimous consent.

An amendment offered by Mr. Pascrell (#6) to H.R. 4941; at the end of the bill, insert a new section entitled “Report on Counter Man-Portable Air Defense System.”; was Withdrawn by unanimous consent.

H.R. 4942, to establish a capability and office to promote cooperation between entities of the United States and its allies in the global war on terrorism for the purpose of engaging in cooperative endeavors focused on the research, development, and commercialization of high-priority technologies intended to detect, prevent, respond to, recover from, and mitigate against acts of terrorism and other high consequence events and to address the homeland security needs of Federal, State, and local governments; was favorably forwarded to the Full Committee for consideration, without amendment, by voice vote.

